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PERMREP HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING COMMUNICATION FROM UNEP SECRETARIAT OUTLINING ISSUES TO BE COVERED BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IN HIS OPENING STATEMENT. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER IN DRAFTING U.S. GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT. TEXT OF SECRETARIAT NOTE FOLLOWS:

QUOTE....THE GENERAL DEBATE WILL BE INTRODUCED BY A STATEMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON TUESDAY, 9 MAY AT 2.30 P.M. IT IS PROPOSED THAT GOVERNMENTS WOULD PRESENT THEIR STATEMENTS IN THE GENERAL DEBATE STARTING WEDNESDAY 10 MAY AT 9.30 A.M. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THESE STATEMENTS WOULD COVER ISSUES RAISED IN DOCUMENT UNEP/GC.6/2 "INTRODUCTORY REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR," UNEP/GC.6/2/-\$\$ 1 "ADVISABILITY AND FEASIBILITY OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL APPROVING PROJECTS," UNEP/GC.6/3 "RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS OF RELEVANCE TO UNEP ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS 32ND SESSION AND BY ECOSOC AT ITS 63RD SESSION," UNEP/GC.6/4 "STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT REPORT."

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FURTHERMORE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILL IN HIS INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 9 MAY, PRESENT A FEW ISSUES ON WHICH HE WILL REQUEST GOVERNMENTS' REACTION. THE TEXT OF THE STATEMENT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON, AS DOCUMENT UNEP/GC.6/L.1.

THOSE ISSUES ARE THE FOLLOWING:

- IN LIGHT OF RESOLUTION 32/197 ON THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM AND PARTICULARLY OF THE ANNEX TO THE RESOLUTION (CHAPTER VII, PARAGRAPH 5) STEPS ARE TO BE TAKEN TO MERGE ECB WITH ACC, SUBJECT TO THE GUIDANCE AND SUPERVISION OF THE ECOSOC. THE COUNCIL'S VIEW WOULD THUS BE VERY GERMANE TO ECOSOC CONSIDERATION OF THE MATTER.

- THE REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF PLENIPOTENTIARIES ON THE PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT AND THE COASTAL AREAS HELD LAST MONTH IN KUWAIT DECIDED ON THE CREATION OF A TRUST FUND OF \$5.8 MILLION TO WHICH UNEP WILL ADD \$500,000 TOWARDS THE COST OF THE INTERIM SECRETARIAT. IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE II OF THE GENERAL PROCEDURES GOVERNING THE OPERATIONS OF THE FUND OF UNEP, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WOULD ESTABLISH THE TRUST FUND WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL.

- THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILL SEEK THE COUNCIL'S REACTION TO THE DEGREE OF UNEP'S FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE MEDITERRANEAN PROGRAMME AS WELL AS TO THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CONVENTION ON ENDANGERED SPECIES.

-THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILL ALSO REFER TO THE FIRST GENERATION OF PROJECTS AGREED UPON IN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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USSR WHICH HE WOULD WISH THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER AS AN EXCEPTIONAL CASE OF BREAKTHROUGH IN THE UTILIZATION OF NON-CONVERTIBLE CURRENCIES AND TO REQUEST THE COUNCIL TO ADD THE AMOUNTS OF THESE PROJECTS TO THE ALLOCATION AUTHORITY FOR 1978, 79 AND 80 AND TO APPORTION THE ALLOCATION AUTHORITY THUS RELEASED FR 1978, TO A NUMBER OF BUDGET LINES. END QUOTE.
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